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FIXING MECHANISM FOR USE IN IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

Applicants: Osamu TAKAGI et al.

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### AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Reply in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.
- [ ] Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.
- [X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

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<sup>[ ]</sup> Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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- [ ] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$140.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- [ ] A check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

#### Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated June 29, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: